

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYA YANO ET AL.) : Examiner: Herbert J. Lilling
Application No.: 10/553,221) : Group Art Unit: 1657
Filed: April 30, 2004) : Confirmation No.: 9077
For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE-)
CONTAINING MAGNETIC) :
STRUCTURE, AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND :
USE THEREOF) December 27, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2007, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case.

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 20, drawn to a structure containing polyhydroxyalkanoate and a magnetic substance; and

II. Claims 7-19, drawn to a method for manufacturing a structure having an external phase part containing polyhydroxyalkanoate and an internal phase part, where at least one of these two parts contains a magnetic substance.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-6 and 20, drawn to a structure containing polyhydroxyalkanoate and a magnetic substance.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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